



STATE OF ARIZONA

April 18, 2011

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

The Honorable Kirk Adams
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2177 (presidential candidates; qualifications; affidavit)

Dear Speaker Adams:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2177. House Bill 2177 empowers the Secretary of State or other election officers in Arizona to judge the qualifications of every federal, state and local candidate at the time of filing. As a former Secretary of State, I do not support designating one person as the gatekeeper to the ballot for a candidate, which could lead to arbitrary or politically-motivated decisions.

In addition, I never imagined being presented with a bill that could require candidates for President of the greatest and most powerful nation on earth to submit their "early baptismal or circumcision certificates" among other records to the Arizona Secretary of State. This is a bridge too far.

This measure creates significant new problems while failing to do anything constructive for Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice K. Brewer".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Russell Pearce
The Honorable Carl Seel

Senate Engrossed House Bill

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fiftieth Legislature
First Regular Session
2011

HOUSE BILL 2177

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-311, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-507.01; RELATING TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Passed the House February 28, 2011

by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

1 Nays, 2 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House
Pro Tempore
Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 13, 2011

by the following vote: 20 Ayes,

9 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate
[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

 day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this day of

at o'clock M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary of State

H.B. 2177

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 14, 2011,
by the following vote: 40 Ayes,

16 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House
Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

15 day of April, 2011,

at 8:50 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,
VETO
at _____ clo _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State